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March 4, 2009

Linda Coombs AIC CIC Property Claim Supervisor MMIA P.O. Box 6669 Helena, MT 59604-6669

Dear Ms. Coombs,

Ravalli County is unwilling to sign a general release, as you have proposed. We appreciate your need to have a general release of all claims. However, it is still our position that this situation did not result from any fault of Ravalli County's, and therefore we must retain all our legal rights in the event an individual or agency attempts to collect any further amounts from the county related to this matter.

Since Ravalli County was willing to rely on the promises of Stevensville School when the vaccine was ordered and the clinics held, we believe you should now rely on our statements as set forth in my Feb. 21 letter that Ravalli County will take no further action against MMIA or MSGIA in regard to the vaccine or clinic expenses if payment is made as requested and we are able to re-sell the excess vaccine. Ravalli County's willingness to assist the school in a crisis, and its further willingness to expend continued resources to facilitate resale of the excess vaccine constitute ample consideration for your payment of the amounts you have already acknowledged you owe in this matter in addition to a nominal amount to offset the ongoing costs incurred by Ravalli County.

MMIA and MSGIA have already acknowledged responsibility for the outstanding portion of the vaccine that was used. It is our understanding that the unpaid portion of the vaccine bill is now currently delinquent with Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital accruing 10% interest. Ravalli County considers any accruing interest or late fees that are assessed to be MMIA's responsibility. Additionally, although Brenda Damuth from MSGIA has been calling frequently in an attempt to make timely payment, your Feb. 19, 2009 letter and proposed release specifically included MAGIA, so we are unable to deal separately

with Ms. Damuth until the interrelationship between your agencies is clarified. Finally, we need to know whether you need a W-9 form from Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital as well, since the outstanding vaccine payment is owed to the hospital, not Ravalli County.

We believe you are doing a disservice to your client, Stevensville School, by failing to meet your obligation to them. If we do not hear back from you in the affirmative by March 6, 2009, Ravalli County will schedule a public meeting with both boards of our respective agencies as soon as possible to discuss resolution of this matter. We hope to minimize further conflict and avoid litigation. We look forward to prompt payment as requested.

Sincerely,

Carlotta Grandstaff, Chairman

Ravalli County Board of Commissioners

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Brenda Damuth, MSGIA Stevensville School District